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**MAYOR REAPPOINTS FIVE MEMBERS OF
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

WILBUR SMITH NAMED AS CHAIR

SAN DIEGO -- Mayor Jerry Sanders has reappointed Bruce Brown, Rick Bussell, Norman Greene, Wilbur Smith, and Michael Stepner to the Park and Recreation Board, subject to City Council confirmation.

Bruce Brown is a retired Human Resources Manager and has 20 years management experience with some of San Diego's largest companies. Brown also has a long history of civic involvement and service to the community including previously serving on the City's Planning Commission and Historical Resources Board. Brown has been a member of the Mira Mesa Planning Group and Mira Mesa Town Council for many years and has served as president for both entities. He is also currently active with the Scripps Mesa Board of Directors for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Mr. Brown will be reappointed for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

Rick Bussell is the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Computer Market Research (CMR) and has been in the computer business for more than 40 years. Prior to entering the computer industry, Bussell enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965 and served for six years. He is the chair of the Linda Vista Planning Committee and has served on the committee since 2001. He is also the Chair of the Mission Bay Park Committee and has actively served on the committee since 2003. In addition, Bussell is a member of the Community Planners Committee and a volunteer for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Bussell will be reappointed for a term ending March 1, 2010.

Norman Greene is the former Co-Publisher and CEO of the San Diego Jewish Press Heritage Newspaper and has been active in San Diego civic affairs for nearly 40 years. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Copley YMCA and chaired the organization's annual Civic Tribute Dinner for 12 years. During his service on the Park and Recreation Board, Greene has served as a liaison to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee. Greene will be reappointed for a term ending March 1, 2010.

Wilbur Smith retired as an Assistant Deputy Director for the City of San Diego after serving for 34 years in various departments including Metropolitan Wastewater, Engineering, Planning, and Park and Recreation. He has been actively involved with various civic organizations in the community including the Clairemont Town Council, Clairemont Mesa Planning Group, and the Friends of Park and Recreation. Smith will be reappointed for a term ending March 1, 2010.

Michael Stepner is a professor of Architecture and Urban Design at the NewSchool of Architecture & Design and an adjunct instructor in the Urban Studies and Planning School at the University of California, San Diego. He also teaches studio and lecture classes that focus on the importance of public space to a community's health and well-being. In his 27 years employed with the City of San Diego, Stepner worked in various positions in the City Planning Department and was the city's first City Architect. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a Fellow of the Institute for Urban Design. Stepner will be reappointed for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

The Mayor also appointed Smith as the new chair of the Park & Recreation Board. His insight, expertise, and passion for parks and recreation make him an excellent candidate to chair the Park & Recreation Board.

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